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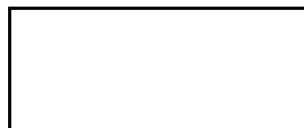
SUBJECT : Senior Defense Representatives in Every Foreign Country

1. There is a fair-sized struggle going on in the Pentagon these days regarding the ISA proposal that in all foreign countries there will be one Senior Defense Representative.

2. The proposal stems from ISA sponsorship of a long-felt State Department need. The Ambassadors apparently want one military man to turn to on any and all military matters. As you know, there are some countries where the military have scores of small Defense organizations responsible to a widely varying number of authorities. DIA is strongly supporting the DATT being the senior military representative, but the exact nature of the opposition is not known.

3. DIA would make any commander of operational forces an exception in any foreign country. The DIA view would have the DATT senior to the head of the MAAG/Mission/etc. and would phase into this arrangement gradually. Exceptions would be made in a few countries.

4. I do not see this as something we should worry about at present, however, will keep an eye on it. Doubt that this one will be resolved rapidly.



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